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Israel

Sharon Visit to U.S. -- Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon departed for the United States to confer with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, Jerusalem radio reported. During his meetings Sharon will discuss the autonomy issue, Palestinian terrorism, the supply of U.S. weapons to Arab countries and the memorandum of understanding. MA'ARIV said that during the visit Sharon will also express Israel's willingness to strengthen political-security coordination and cooperation with the United States. However, a senior official cited by the paper said Israel will oppose any U.S. proposal for defense cooperation that would prevent Israel from being able to act freely against the terrorists in Lebanon.

Shamir on Jerusalem -- Israel "would be losing" the autonomy negotiations before they started if it ceased insisting that Jerusalem be a venue for the atonomy talks, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir told immigrants in a speech reported by Jerusalem radio. Criticizing Egyptian obstinacy over the issue, he said no international resolution will change the fact that Jerusalem is Israel's capital.

Security Situation -- A molotov cocktail was thrown at an Israeli car east of Jerusalem, injuring the driver, Jerusalem radio reported.

Arab Relations With Zaire

Qatar has decided to sever diplomatic and economic relations with Zaire, Qatari Foreign Affairs Minister Shaykh Ahmad ibn Sayf ath-Thani disclosed in a statement reported by WAKH. Branding Zaire's decision to resume relations with Israel "an act of aggression" against Arab and Islamic countries, the shaykh said Qatar's decision is in line with Arab, Islamic and African resolutions concerning countries that resume relations with Israel.

Meanwhile, according to a Foreign Ministry announcement reported by APS, Algeria has recalled its ambassador in Kinshasa.

Egypt

Arab-Egypt Reconciliation Document -- Jordan is currently working with some moderate Arab states on a joint document defining the basic principles to which Egypt should be committed in order to return to the Arab fold, Monte Carlo radio reported, citing Jordanian sources. A reliable source cited by AFP said the document would not be a "series of conditions" for Egypt to fulfill but a memorandum on "minimum requirements" for the reestablishment of full Arab-Egyptian relations. Arab moderates are seeking a consensus with Egypt over the issue of the Palestinians, the Israeli-occupied territories and the inter-Arab military defense treaties, the source said. He added that Egypt's readiness to furnish aid to Iraq and the Gulf countries is seen as a positive factor toward an Arab rapprochement with Egypt. However, the source also noted that the moderate Arab states want Egypt to show the same determination in reacting to an eventual Israeli aggression. Neither the radio nor the press agency report identified which Arab states other than Jordan are involved in drafting the document.

Munitions Production -- Egypt is about to complete "two huge modern projects" for the production of arms, heavy equipment and rocket engines, Minister of State for War Production Jamal ad-Din as-Sayyid Ibrahim stated in an interview with AL-AHRAM cited by MENA. Ibrahim said Egypt has been able to meet all ammunition requirements for its armed forces and is now completely self-reliant.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Iranian forces kille more than 300 Iraqis and destroyed 58 tanks and armored personnel carriers during a 19 May Iraqi offensive in the border region west of Hoseyniyeh, according to an armed forces and Guard Corps communique carried by Tehran radio. It said the Iranians destroyed the 3d Iraqi Tank Battalion and completely surrounded the 388th Iraqi Infantry Battalion. During the clash the Iraqis brought new tanks into the area, only to be forced to retreat after losing the tanks and suffering heavy casualties, the communique reported.

A military communique carried by Baghdad radio said only 39 Iraqis were killed during fighting on 19 and 20 May in the area north of Khorramshahr and in the Gilan-e Gharb area. The communique reiterated a previously reported claim that 658 Iranians were killed during the Iraqi offensive north of Khorramshahr on 19 May.

Iran

Fourteen key members of the minority faction of the Feda'iyan-e Khalq guerrillas in Khuzestan have been arrested, according to a Tehran prosecutor's office statement carried by Tehran radio. The main safehouses of the group, along with its printing house, were discovered during operations by the prosecutor's office, the statement added.

Lebanon

Christian militiamen in southern Lebanon opened fire on five terrorists belonging to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine who had planted mines on a road near Marj 'Uyun, IDF radio reported citing a Christian militia spokesman. The radio added that a UNIFIL helicopter was fired on from a terrorist position in the western sector of southern Lebanon.

PLO

Executive Committee member Ahmad al-Yamani confirmed the existence of an official invitation to Political Department head Faruq Qaddumi to visit Washington, Monte Carlo radio reported. The radio said the invitation was issued by U.S. Senator Charles Percy and Congressman Lee Hamilton. Al-Yamani said he advised Qaddumi on 17 May, during a meeting of the Executive Committee, to reject the invitation.

Jordan

King Husayn will visit the USSR in June, Monte Carlo radio reported citing informed Jordanian sources. Monitored Jordanian sources have not reported on Husayn's visit to the USSR.

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ACTIVITIES OF PRC DELEGATION REPORTED

BK200636 Dacca Domestic Service in English 0145 GMT 20 May 82

[Text] The leader of the visiting Chinese press delegation, Jiang Yuanchun, has expressed his firm belief that the frequent exchange of (?such groups) of journalists between the two countries will further strengthen the already existing cordial relationship. He was replying to [words indistinct] presented on behalf of Khulna union of journalists at Khulna last night.

He hoped that the existing relationship will explore the possibilities for expanding new avenues of cooperation and mutual understanding toward the goal of protecting the national sovereignty against aggression and hegemonism as well as in building solid economy. [sentence as heard]

Earlier, the press delegation visited Khulna municipal (?broad) [words indistinct] and Khulna shipyard.

Meeting With Ershad

BK210805 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 20 May 82

[Text] The five-member Chinese press delegation led by Jiang Yuanchun called on Chief Martial Law Administrator [CMLA] Lt Gen H.M. Ershad in Dacca today.

Welcoming the Chinese journalists, General Ershad described the existing friendly ties between Bangladesh and China as excellent. Talking informally, the CMLA apprised the Chinese guests of the measures taken by the present government for the welfare of the people.

The leader of the Chinese delegation appreciated various steps being taken by the present government to solve the present problems, including food shortage and population explosion. He particularly lauded the planned administrative reorganization which envisages taking the administration to villages.

Jiang hoped that the exchanges of ideas and experiences between the two countries on agriculture and population control will help (?meet) these problems.

BRIEFS

AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN -- The government has decided to appoint Maj Gen (Retired) Kazi Ghulam Dastgir, at present Bangladesh ambassador to Thailand, as ambassador to Pakistan, says a press information division handout. [Text] [Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English 17 May 82 p 1 BK]

JUTE GOODS FOR DPRK -- Under an agreement signed in Dacca, North Korea is to buy jute goods worth over 15.5 million taka from Bangladesh. [Text] [Dacca Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 18 May 82 BK]

DELHI REPORTS ON OUTCOME OF TALKS WITH PRC

BK201624 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 20 May 82

[Text] India and China have agreed to meet again to reach a commonly agreed basis for dealing with their differences on the boundary in all its sectors.

At the end of the 4-day official-level talks in New Delhi today, the spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry told newsmen that during the present round of talks each side presented its ideas on the principles and methods which should guide them in the search for a solution of the border question. He said while differences on this problem are still wide, both sides wish to continue their efforts to narrow them. The spokesman reiterated that the boundary issue is essential to our relations with China and during the present session both the delegations addressed themselves to the key aspects of this issue.

The spokesman said India will send three delegations to China in the near future. They will be on oil, railways and agriculture.

From China three delegations will visit India within the next few months. Two will study wheat breeding, dairy development and the third delegation will consist of scientists. Delegations will also be exchanged to study the lacquer industry in the two countries.

On the cultural front, it has been decided to have exchanges of cultural troupes, television and broadcast materials, films and academicians.

Press Briefing

BK201451 Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 1428 GMT 20 May 82

["Following is the agreed basis for briefing the press on the India-China talks. Please note this is not a joint press statement or communique" -- ISI note]

[Text] The second round of official-level talks between India and China were held in New Delhi from May 17 to 19.

Several aspects of bilateral relations between the two countries were discussed with due regard to the recognition by both sides that the boundary question is central to their relations.

The boundary question was discussed by the leaders of the delegations and in working groups led by the heads of the respective departments concerned in the two foreign ministries.

The talks were conducted in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. The discussions were free, frank and wideranging.

In this session of talks both sides addressed themselves to the key aspects of the boundary question and specifically focused on the considerable differences between them. While their differences are still wide both sides wish to continue their efforts to narrow them.

To this end each side presented its ideas on the principles and methods that should guide the search for a solution and agreed to meet again with a view to reaching a commonly agreed basis for dealing with their differences on the boundary in all its sectors.

During the visit discussions were also held on cultural, scientific and technical exchanges. The preliminary programme of exchanges discussed in Beijing last December was discussed and developed.

'ARAFAT ARRIVES ON OFFICIAL VISIT 21 MAY

BK210902 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 21 May 82

[Text] The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasir 'Arafat, arrived in New Delhi today on a 2-day official visit to the country. He was received at the airport by Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi and her Cabinet colleagues, members of the diplomatic corps and other high officials.

STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS REPORTED

BK201617 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 20 May 82

[Text] The Congress-I-led United Democratic Front [UDF] has been voted to power in Kerala. According to Doordarshan [Television India] sources the UDF has secured 77 seats in the 140-member assembly. The Communist Party of India-Marxist [CPI-M]-led Left Democratic Front [LDF] has secured the remaining 63 seats.

The final position of the constituents of the UDF is: Congress-I 20, Congress-Anthony group 15, Indian Union Muslim League 14, Kerala Congress-Mani group 6, Kerala Congress-Joseph group 8, National Democratic Party 4, Janata-G 4, Socialist Republican Party 2, Revolutionary Socialist Party-S 1, Democratic Socialist Party 1, independents and others 2.

The position of LDF partners is: CPI-M 26, CPI 13, Congress-S 7, Revolutionary Scoialist Party 4, Janata-A 4, All-India Muslim League 4, other and independents 5.

Among the four chief ministers who contested the election, K. Karunakaran, E.K. Nayanar and C.H. Mohammad Koya have been returned. Karunakaran has been declared elected from two constituencies.

The CPI leader and the former chief minister, P.K. Vasudevan Nair, was defeated from Alleppey by an independent candidate. Two former ministers belonging to the CPI, P.S. Srinivasan, Chandrashekharan Nair, were also defeated. The former home minister, T.K. Ramakrishnan of the CPI-M, also lost the election.

The Bhartiya Janata Party which had sponsored 70 candidates, including its party chief, O. Rajgopal, drew a blank.

No clear picture has yet emerged in the three states -- Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal. In Haryana only 30 results have been declared so far. Of them, 13 have gone to the Congress-I, 10 to the Lok Dal and 1 to Bhartiya Janata Party [BJP], 2 to Congress-J and independents have won 4 seats.

In Himachal Pradesh 10 results have been declared so far. BJP has secured 8 seats and Congress-I the remaining 2. The former forest minister, Hardayal, was defeated by his BJP rival Ramchand by over 3,300 votes.

In West Bengal, where counting was taken up today in 140 constituencies, only 8 results have come in so far. The Left Front has secured six seats and Congress-I one and independent one.

Commenting on the Congress-I-led UDF victory in Kerala, Congress-I General Secretary G.K. Moopanar said in New Delhi that the elections have proved the government's commitment to democratic values.

In spite of rumors floated by some vested interests that the elections would be postponed, Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi ensured free and fair elections. Kerala State Congress-A President A.K. Anthony has hailed the UDF victory in the elections. In a statement in Cochin, he said the decision of his party to pull out of the then left democratic government has been fully vindicated.

Two more results have come from West Bengal. The two seats have been shared by the CPI-M and the Congress-I.

Here is the latest result from Himachal Pradesh. BJP leader and former Chief Minister Shanta Kumar has been declared elected from Sulah constituency. The latest party position in Himachal Pradesh is: results declared so far 13, Congress-I 2, BJP 11.

Results Updated

BK210652 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0630 GMT 21 May 82

[Excerpts] With only eight more results still to be declared in Haryana, no single party is in a position to obtain an absolute majority in the 90-member State Assembly. After the eight more results received this morning, the Congress-I has bagged 32 seats, the Lok Dal, which is in close race, has got 30, the Bhartiya Janata Party [BJP] 4, the Congress-J 2 and independents 13.

Out of the 131 results declared in West Bengal, the Communist Party of India-Marxist [CPI-M] led left front has got 97 and the Congress-I alliance 28. The remaining six seats have gone to independents and others.

The party-wise position in West Bengal is: CPI-M 69, forward block 18, Democratic Socialist Party 7, CPI 3, Congress-I 27, Congress-S 1.

In Himachal Pradesh, out of the 20 results declared, so far 13 have gone to BJP and 6 to Congress-I. One seat has gone to independent.

CONGRESS-I SAYS WEST BENGAL POLLING 'NOT FAIR'

BK191649 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 19 May 82

[Text] The chief election commissioner has received a telegram from Energy Minister Ghani Khan Choudhury alleging booth capturing in the Satgachia constituency from where Chief Minister Joyti Basu is contesting. A spokesman of the election commission said that they have asked for a report from the chief electoral officer.

While the ruling left front in West Bengal claimed that the polling was peaceful all over the state, the Pradesh [state] Congress-I has alleged that the polling was not fair and free. Pradesh Congress Committee-I President Ananda Gopal Mukherjee has alleged that in Calcutta alone there were 35 major incidents and over 30 minor incidents.

Chief Electoral Officer of West Bengal M. Krishnamurti said that he has received complaints from different districts relating to booth capturing, intimidation and harassment to workers. The complaints have been looked into.

Chairman of the left front Promod Das Gupta, however, claimed that the polling in Calcutta and other parts of the state was by and large peaceful. He denied allegations of rigging and forcible capturing of booths by his partymen.

The All-India Communist Party has, however, expressed doubts about the fairness of the election.

ENVOY SAYS USSR READY FOR 'CONSULTATIONS'

BK190331 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 19 May 82

[Text] The Soviet ambassador to Pakistan, V.S. Smirnov, has said that the Soviet Union is ready to welcome a Foreign Ministry delegation from Pakistan for formal consultations on international affairs. Addressing the Pakistan foreign relations association in Karachi last evening, he said the Soviet Union attaches great importances to its relations with Pakistan. He said the Soviet representatives cooperate with Pakistan's representatives at the UN and other international forums.

The Soviet ambassador said that USSR-Pakistan relations have come under some pressure due to developments around Afghanistan. He said that there will be no change in the present political structure of Afghanistan.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH IRAQ

BK210815 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 20 May 82

[Excerpt] Pakistan and Iraq have agreed to step up the present level of bilateral, commercial, economic and technical cooperation to the mutual benefit of their two peoples. An agreement to this effect was signed by Pakistan and Iraq at the conclusion of the second session of Pak-Iraq joint ministerial commission in Islamabad tonight. Federal Minister for Finance Ghulam Ishaq Khan and Iraqi Irrigation Minister Abd al-Wahhab Mahmud, who led the respective sides of the commission, signed the agreement.

Expressing satisfaction over the growing volume of their trade, both sides agreed that there were vast prospects and opportunities for its future expansion. Both sides apprised each other of their needs, discussed in detail items which could be beneficially traded by them and agreed to work out the details in this regard.

Iraqi Minister for Irrigation 'Abd al-Wahhab Mahmud, who led a 10-member delegation to the second Pak-Iraq joint ministerial commission, called on President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Rawalpindi this evening. He discussed with the president matters of mutual cooperation concerning socioeconomic development of the two countries. The federal finance minister was present during the meeting.

The Iraqi minister earlier called on Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan in Islamabad today. He expressed his satisfaction at the constructive progress already achieved in the current round of talks between the two countries.

Welcoming the Iraqi delegation, the foreign minister said it symbolized the desire of both the countries to improve the present level of economic collaboration in the interest of increasing the socioeconomic progress of both the people as well as toward attaining the goal of collective self-reliance by the Islamic nation. Earlier, the Iraqi minister discussed the avenues for further collaboration between the two countries, particularly in the fields of education and power, with Federal Minister of Water and Power Raja Sikandar Zaman.

BRIEFS

IRANIAN TRADE DELEGATION -- A three-member Iranian delegation arrived in Karachi today [18 May] on a 4-day visit to Pakistan. The delegation will hold talks on importing foodstuffs, electrical appliances, kerosene stoves, household goods and stationery from Pakistan. The Iranian delegation will hold talks with officials of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Export Development Bureau and will also meet manufacturers and exporters. Meanwhile, Pakistan Ambassador in Tehran Abdul Malik Khattak has exchanged views on bilateral trade relations with the Iranian secretary for foreign trade. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 18 May 82 BK]

JOINT STAFF, GUARDS COMMUNIQUE ON BATTLES

LD201834 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 May 82

[Communique issued by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. "Mohammad, the prophet of God, and those who follow him are harsh with the enemy but merciful among themselves." [Koranic verse]

Muslim and heroic nation of Iran: Your self-sacrificing children on the battlefronts, relying upon the undiminishing power of God, are defending and guarding every inch of the Islamic homeland and the newly-gained victories and continue their merciless combat against the puppet enemy which is dependent on the arch-Satan.

Following the victories achieved during the first, second and third phases of the overall Jerusalem Operation [bayt al-moqaddas], which began under the codename of Ya 'Ali ibn Abu-Talib, the mercenary enemy who sees itself on the threshold on final death and destruction launched a last-ditch move in the border region west of Hoseyniyeh, between fortresses No 8 and 19 in the border strip yesterday. The forces of Islam resisted, confronting the enemy with intense fire. The enemy suffered heavy losses and damages.

During this clash, which started at 0430 yesterday morning, heavy losses and damages were inflicted on the 46th Mechanized Brigade and 37th Armored Brigade from the 12th Division and the 14th Armored Brigade from the Iraqi 9th Division. The combatants of Islam killed a large number of the Ba'thist invaders, succeeding in fully destroying the 3d Tank Battalion from the 14th Mechanized Brigade of the Iraqi Armed Forces. All the equipment and weapons of this battalion were either destroyed or taken as booty. In addition, the combatants of Islam fully besieged the 388th Infantry Battalion from the Iraqi 9th Division at 1100 yesterday morning. Personnel of this battalion were either killed or taken prisoner.

Among those killed or captured there are 18 officers, including one staff colonel and one major in command of the operating forces. These commanders were killed by the powerful hands of the army of Islam.

During yesterday's clashes, the enemy was desperately trying to approach our earthworks. The enemy had brought some new tanks into this sector but each time it was forced to retreat and flee the arena after losing several tanks and personnel carriers and suffering heavy casualties. The enemy troops were forced to retreat despite threats and encouragement from the commanders of the abovementioned brigades who had told their defeated soldiers not to flee. More than 300 enemy troops were killed and a large number were wounded. Nevertheless, the enemy was not able to move forward even one inch.

During these operations, the tank-hunting groups of the corps of Islam, with their remarkable efforts and activities and backed by our artillery fire, succeeded in setting ablaze and destroying 58 tanks and armored personnel carriers of the Ba'thist invaders.

The fast-flying combatants of the Airborne Division also inflicted heavy losses and damages on the aggressive enemy. They set fire to a large number of their trenches, foxholes and ammunition dumps, destroying them. A large number of enemy troops were also killed.

During these operations, the warriors of the corps of Islam captured a large number of the Saddamists. So far, large numbers of the POW's captured during yesterday's operations have been taken behind the battlelines. There are several officers among these POW's.

According to statements from the POW's who were captured by the forces of Islam yesterday, Saddam, this mercenary element and puppet of imperialism, has recently formed execution groups among his misled army units. Members of these groups, who are identified by their red armbands, are members of the hated Iraqi Ba'th Party. These (?groups) are commissioned to shoot on the spot or execute immediately anyone who retreats or flees during the operations.

The American Saddam should know that he cannot prevent his certain disintegration and destruction by resorting to such last-ditch and savage deeds. The misled Armed Forces of Iraq should also know that as it has been proved to them so far. Resistance against the armed forces of Islam will bring them nothing but death, destruction and divine wrath. The best way for them to free themselves from Saddam's misery-giving domination is to destroy him and to join the army of right, to remain under the protection of these forces which are defending the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Right now the combatants of Islam, the self-sacrificing Guards Corps, the Mobilization forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the brave heroes of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in full coordination and by relying upon God, are going to deliver the last blows to the disintegrating body of Saddam. This is the way for them to please Almighty God. With hope for the Islamic combatants' final victory and liberation of Jerusalem from occupying Zionism.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 913

LD201746 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 May 82

[Communique No 913 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Our congratulations to the master of the era and his regent Imam Khomeyni, to the Muslim and struggling nation of Iran and to the world Muslims on the occasion of the mission of the prophet of Islam, Mohammad Mustafa, peace upon his soul.

In the conflict between Islam and blasphemy, in the battle or right against the devil and in the course of the war between light and darkness, all the combatants of Islam, relying wholeheartedly on God Almighty, with unity and brotherhood and pursuing the common objective of defending their Islamic homeland of Iran as well as destroying the enemies of Islam, are making great strides toward triumph.

The public is hereby informed of some of the operations carried out in the last 24 hours by the forces of Islam:

At 1233 yesterday another invading Iraqi aircraft was shot down by the Islamic Republic of Iran's fighter aircraft in the Abadan region. Thus, the number of enemy aircraft lost since the start of the Jerusalem Operation has reached 46 aircraft.

In the Abadan region, the combatants of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Gendarmerie mounted fire on the enemy positions, thus preventing enemy movement on the Al-Faw-Basrah road. Eight trenches, two tanks and one enemy vessel were destroyed along with their occupants.

As a result of heavy fire mounted on Abadan by the forces of Saddam, a few positions in Abadan were demolished and a number of inhabitants were injured.

Exchanges of fire continued on most of the western fronts. In the Meymak, Sumar, Sar-e Pol-e Zahab and Gilan-e Gharb regions, our forces mounted fire on the aggressors' positions and destroyed two enemy vehicles, one fieldgun, and one 106-mm gun and set fire to a number of Saddam's [word indistinct].

As a result of the artillery fire mounted by the Islamic Republic of Iran's Ground Forces on the enemy positions in the Nowsud, Susgan and [name indistinct] regions, a number of enemy personnel were killed or injured and the enemy was prevented from digging new trenches.

Yesterday and today 26 Iraqis, both civilian and military, crossed the western frontiers into Iran and asked for political asylum. These include a number of engineers and undergraduates and one university professor.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

FEDA'IYAN-E KHALQ LEADERS ARRESTED IN KHUZESTAN

LD201700 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 May 82

[Excerpts] According to a Central News Unit report, the following statement has been issued by the Public Relations Office of the prosecutor's office of the Central Province in connection with the arrest of 14 main members of the Feda'i group [Feda'iyan-e Khalq] -- the minority wing -- in Khuzestan Province:

Simultaneously with the Jerusalem Operation and the victory of the divine army over the army of blasphemy, once again God's help was granted. All the main members and the central cadre of the minigroup of the Feda'iyan-e Khalq guerrillas -- the minority wing -- in Khuzestan Province were arrested and this area of our Islamic homeland, like the other areas, was cleansed of the blasphemous and heretic elements.

During a series of operations brothers of the Tehran Islamic revolution prosecutor's office, who had discovered the existence of numerous safe houses of the minority wing in Khuzestan after investigations and persistent pursuits, were dispatched from Tehran to Ahvaz. With the sincere cooperation and coordination of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of region 8 of the country, the main centers and safe houses and the minority wing's printing house, together with its duplicating machines and printing facilities, were discovered. With the help of God and with the cooperation of Khuzestan's Muslim people, the members of the minority wing in Khuzestan were arrested. Those main members who were arrested are:

1. Asghar Samimi, son of 'Ali, in charge of the minority wing in Khuzestan Province and member of the Feda'i guerrillas -- minority wing.

2. Mohammad Hoseyn Bahrami, alias 'Ali, member of the central cadre in Khuzestan Province and in charge of the minority wing in Ahvaz.

3. Sa'id Bahrami, alias Hamid 'Alavi, member of the central cadre of Khuzestan and in charge of the publication department of the minority wing in Ahvaz and the liaison between the Borujerd and Khuzestan central cadres.

4. Batul Soleymani, alias Akram Hoseyni, member of the central cadre of Khuzestan and member of the publication committee of the minority wing in Ahvaz.

5. Mohammad 'Udian, member of the Khuzestan central cadre and in charge of the minority wing organization in (?Dezful).

6. Naser Sarrafan, member of the minority wing in the medical aid section and the organization's candidate from Shushtar for the Islamic Consultative Assembly.

7. Kiumars Qolivand, alias Bizhan Mohammadi, member of the central cadre of Khuzestan and in charge of the minority wing organization in Masjed-e Soleyman.

8. Khosrow Kianvash, alias Reza, member of the minority wing and in charge of publications and printing in Masjed-e Soleyman.

9. 'Ali Morad Iranpur, alias Mohsen, member of the minority wing and member of the publications committee in Masjed-e Soleyman.

10. Hormoz Derakhshan, alias Jamshid, member of the minority wing and member of the publications committee in Masjed-e Soleyman.

11. Kiumars Soltani, alias Mohammad, member of the minority wing and in charge of Masjed-e Soleyman's districts.

12. Parivash Bakhshandeh, member of the minority wing and in charge of the pupils' section in Masjed-e Soleyman.

13. Shahla Owzhang, member of the minority wing in the pupils' section in Masjed-e Soleyman.

14. Nahid 'Alipur, member of the minority wing in the pupils' section in Masjed-e Soleyman.

The Islamic revolution prosecutor's office in Tehran, while warning again, advises the leaders of minigroups to give up their lunatic and desperate actions and to know that they will eventually have no fate but total fall and destruction. Those who sympathize with these minigroups are also advised to return to the bosom of Islam and the Muslims before they suffer the fate of their leaders.

NVOI SCORES U.S. SUPPORT OF 'COUNTERREVOLUTION'

TA210610 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 20 May 82

[Unattributed commentary: "Haig's New Plots Against Our Emanicpated Homeland"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: U.S. Secretary of State Haig met and conferred with Turkey's Government officials in Ankara. During this meeting Haig announced America's material and moral support for Turkey -- a country in which the domestic policy of its military leaders during the last two years have even been strongly criticized by its NATO allies. At the same time, Haig informed Turkey's military leaders of the Reagan administration's decision to grant $465 million in military aid to General Evren's regime.

Haig was also pursuing another main objective from his visit to Turkey, that being meeting secretly with the representatives of the Iranian counterrevolutionaries in Ankara, which was accomplished. As we are aware, following the defeat of America's futile attempt to crush the Iranian revolution through an economic boycott, Washington engaged in a series of plots to overthrow the system ruling our emancipated homeland. Among other things it formed the so-called Azadegan organization on Turkish soil by the hands of CIA officers and leaders of the former Imperial Army, and engaged in equipping and training its members. For some time now the subversive and terrorist bands of this organization have been infiltrating into Iran and preparing a base to start an armed rebellion againt our Islamic Republic.

At the end of last year Haig and U.S. Vice President Bush reached agreement with the leaders of Azadegan over details of the plan for armed rebellion. Among other things they assured (?Nazemi), former general of the accursed shah, that he will enjoy America's enormous financial and military aid in organizing and implementing terrorist and subversive activities. This time Haig reviewed with the representatives of the Iranian counterrevolutionaries the particulars of the plot against the republic's system. Thus, Washington has elevated the export of the counterrevolution to the level of the government policy of the United States.

The Reagan administration, by exporting the counterrevolution to revolutionary Iran, is in fact itself directly and overtly engaged in mounting a direct military attack against the Islamic Republic of Iran. It should be noted that this attack is part of a series of plots by world-devouring U.S. imperialism against the liberation movements of nations.

The Reagan administration is overtly and directly continuing the undeclared war against democratic Afghanistan. The United States, China, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and similar regimes provide financial and military aid to the mercenary Afghan counterrevolutionaries who have transformed Pakistani territory into a base of military aggression and subversion against the revolutionary Government of Afghanistan. Washington is arming Pakistan -- which has been transformed into a transit area of aggression into our emancipated homeland and democratic Afghanistan -- with the utmost speed.

With the utmost impudence America's military officials have given all-out support to the South African racist terrorists who sow the seeds of death and destruction in the territory of Angola. The Reagan administration does not neglect to escalate military aid to El Salvador's military blood suckers who are trying to drown this country's national liberation movement in blood. In order to support the counterrevolution, Washington has formed a 200,000-man army by the name of Rapid Deployment Forces. Some parts of these forces are stationed in the Sinai Desert, and advancing toward the oil resources of the Persian Gulf region and seizing the oil wells is considered one of their main tasks.

Washington is rapidly engaged in establishing new military bases in wide areas of the Persian Gulf region and the Indian Ocean for the permanent deployment of U.S. military forces. New U.S. warships are also on the verge of nearing these areas.

The outcome of Washigton's provocative measures in various parts of the world is the creation of new areas of tension in which at every moment the potential for military clashes exists.

The violation of international laws and regulations has been transformed into a normal and routine matter on the other side of the ocean. They believe in Washington that if international regulations and laws prevent the promotion of hegemonistic goals of America's leaders, the United States is free to violate them. The imperialists want very much for everything to be according to their own desire. However, the opinion and desire of nations is completely another thing. The captive and liberated nations of the world, like the free Iranian nation, are engaged in relentless struggle against international imperialism, headed by world-devouring America. Our Islamic Republic is at the forefront of anti-imperialist struggles, and considers U.S. imperialism -- the great Satan -- as the main enemy of the revolution.

However, as regards the attitude of the Islamic government to, for example, the Afghan events, it should be said that unfortunately our Islamic Republic, willingly or unwillingly, in the problem of democratic Afghanistan is in the rank of countries such as China, Britain, Pakistan, Israel and Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other countries which enjoy the support of U.S. imperialism. Under such conditions it is very clear that maintaining the victory of struggle against the number one enemy of the Iranian nation's popular and anti-imperialist revolution -- namely, world-devouring America -- is not possible. Our revolutionary homeland's ever-on-the-scene people demand from the responsible officials of the Islamic government that our country's foreign policy in all spheres be planned and implemented on the basis of the imam's anti-imperialist line. Only in such conditions is the crushing of the plots of the revolution's foes possible.

PRC OFFICIAL MEETS WITH KAZEMPUR-ARDABILI

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, Madame (Deng Ziewing), deputy director general of oil in China, who came to Iran at the head of a delegation met today with Mr Hoseyn Kazempur-Ardabili, deputy minister of foreign affairs in charge of international and economic affairs.

In this meeting, which was also attended by the Chinese charge d'affaires in Iran, discussions were held about expanding economic relations between the two countries and cooperating in fields of agriculture and light industries. The head of this delegation also met with officials from Iran's Oil Ministry and described her visit to Iran as very successful. She thanked the officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for arranging this visit.

MUSAVI INAUGURATES NEW TELEVISION TRANSMITTER

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, a powerful television transmitter was inaugurated this afternoon at Koh-e Mond in a special ceremony attended by Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi; Minister of Roads and Transport Nezhad Hoseynian; Nabavi, Majlis deputy from Bushehr; and Hashemi-Rafsanjani, managing director of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

According to this report, the inhabitants of Bushehr Province will not be able to receive Channel One television programs on Channel 12.

During today's ceremony, Prime Minister Musavi paid tribute to the service of engineer 'Ebadi, chief project manager of the Koh-e Mond transmitter.

We draw your attention to a report sent to us by our correspondent:

Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, accompanied by the minister of roads and transport, the managing director of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the imam's representative and Friday imam of Bushehr, and the Majlis deputy from Bushehr, who arrived in Bushehr this morning, toured Bushehr's airbase, Iran's maritime industries, the southern fisheries, [word indistinct] and the Bushehr nuclear powerplant. This afternoon the delegation toured Bushehr's Koh-e Mond television station.

Reporting to the audience, the managing director of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran said the new transmitter will cover more than 90 percent of Bushehr Province.

The delegation accompanying the prime minister held a meeting this afternoon which lasted more than 2 hours to discuss the problems and issues of Bushehr Province.

According to the Central News Unit, Managing Director of the Voice of Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mohammad Hasehmi-Rafsanjani visited the Voice and Vision center in Bushehr today and reviewed the center's problems and shortages.

In the ceremony to inaugurate the Koh-e Mond television transmitter, the managing director announced that his organization will try to provide the inhabitants of Bushehr Province with the programs transmitted by the second television channel, by installing a microwave link.